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**GREGG CALLS ON AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO  
PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FOR NH-BASED PROGRAM TO  
PROVIDE MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO POOR NATIONS**

***Portsmouth-based group provides medical equipment, supplies, textbooks to developing nations***

WASHINGTON-- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced that he has included language in the Fiscal Year 2004 Senate Foreign Operations Appropriations bill urging that the United States Agency for International Development to provide \$500,000 for the International Medical Equipment Collaborative, a Portsmouth-based, non-profit organization that donates medical equipment and supplies to developing nations around the world. The IMEC distributes supplies that are donated from a network of U.S.-based hospitals and will help improve the standard of health care in some of the poorest, least-developed nations around the world by upgrading the level of equipment and providing more thorough educations for local medical professionals. The FY04 Foreign Operations bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday and awaits consideration by the full Senate, expected later this year.

Senator Gregg stated, "The funding I requested for the International Medical Equipment Collaborative will allow it to carry out fifty projects around the world. By working with humanitarian organizations in various nations, the IMEC is able to provide essential medical supplies to targeted areas in need of critical upgrades. The goal of providing safe, quality health care to people in developing nations is laudable, and this funding would allow the IMEC to expand the tremendous work they are already doing."

Thomas Keefe, President of IMEC, stated, "On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the IMEC, I would like to thank Senator Gregg for his continued support of our work to serve the health care needs of the poor throughout the world. Senator Gregg's help makes a difference in the health of so many in the most under served regions in the world. Each shipment of medical equipment we deliver in towns and villages in many different countries provides them with an opportunity to experience the true generosity of Americans."

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